

Questions for Alexandra Dapolito Dunn

For staff prior to interview

1. How many full time equivalent employees did OPPT have in June 2016 (or close to that month) before the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act became law?
2. How many do you have as of now (or most recent available figure)?
3. Can you break those OPPT staff down into rough areas of expertise e.g. chemists, risk assessors, economists, industrial hygienists?
4. Alex Dunn said OPPT was hiring. How many more people do you plan/hope to hire? What expertise are you seeking?
5. How many contractor firms are working with OPPT? What are their broad areas of support?

For Dunn regarding chemicals

1. What do you bring from your work at NACWA, ECOS, Region 1, and the Chemistry Council that you see yourself using as assistant administrator for chemical safety and pollution prevention?
2. Would your work with NACWA, for example, give you a perspective on, familiarity with, contacts to help with the provision of Lautenberg that requires EPA to consider a chemical's storage near drinking water as part of the criteria for prioritizing it?
3. The chemicals office has a lot on its plate with Lautenberg deadlines this year even before the House went Democratic. Now you've still got the full plate and questions to answer and hearings to prep for from the Hill. What's on your front burner?
4. The peer reviews for the first 10 risk evaluations may not take place until late spring or during the summer, according to what agency staff said at GlobalChem. Yet EPA has said it will complete all 10 risk evaluations by December. Does that risk the EPA being accused of ignoring both public comments and peer review recommendations in a rush to meet the statutory deadline?
5. Similarly, the agency has only 9 months to prioritize 40 chemicals, and 6 months of that will be for public comments. Does the EPA risk being accused of ignoring public comments?
6. Would EPA consider "grouping" chemicals in its selection of high priority compounds for risk evaluation, i.e. focusing on solvents at once so substitutes can be intelligently selected?

For Dunn regarding pesticides

1. Do you think the current allowed uses of chlorpyrifos and other organophosphates are protective enough of human health?
2. Do you agree that the EPA should reassess the registration of chlorpyrifos in 2022 rather than imposing immediate restrictions?
3. EPA announced new restrictions on dicamba herbicides last October, but state regulators continue to receive a high number of drift complaints this summer. How much further can EPA go in taking steps to protect farmers from drift?
4. Would you consider taking dicamba off the market altogether if drift complaints persist or grow?
5. The EPA is facing a number of court-ordered deadlines to assess the risks of pesticides to endangered species. Should there be more money in the budget for ESA consultations? How much?
6. You spoke at length at AAPCO about the emergence of biostimulants in the marketplace, is there some confusion about which regulatory bucket biostimulants are put in? USDA or EPA?
7. Does the proposed guidance that OMB recently approved clarify a pathway currently exists for companies to register their products?